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In re application of: Refaat S. Fanous

Application No.: 10/616,707
Filed: 07/10/2003

For: Self-Retaining Retractor

Group No.: 3732
Examiner: Michael J. Araj

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE			ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	43	-	43	=	0	x \$ 25.00	=	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	3	-	3	=	0	x \$ 100.00	=	\$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00			
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE			\$ 0.00		

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If an extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005, Applicant responds as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper